

FCC RE: NAB'S petition 04-160

I am contacting you from Ridgecrest, CA which sets at the bottom of the Indian Wells Valley. We have only a limited number of radio stations in the valley and because of our location it is difficult to pull stations in from elsewhere. I do not care for the variety of programs our local stations have to offer. Therefore, I subscribe to satellite which carries a specific program, Coast to Coast-George Noory program (formerly Art Bell) in the evenings. The signal is quite clear, I can take the radio with me and know always that I can receive my favorite music and talk show stations.

For health reasons, I am having to make frequent trips to Los Angeles and having XM's Instant Traffic and Weather has been of great benefit to me. Los Angeles is a three hour trip with normal traffic flow. I always check the conditions of the route I usually use to reach my destination in LA. On occasion I have changed my route as a result of XM's reports.

XM Radio has not only been an element of entertainment for me, but also a tool. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW NAB'S PETITION 04-160 to be approved. I AM CHOOSING to pay for my radio broadcasting. The NBA is denying MY FREEDOM to make that choice if this petition is passed. WHERE ARE THE RIGHTS OF THE LITTLE PERSON? I happen to KNOW what I want - leave satellite radio alone!

Thank you,

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